

Governor Carney's Statement on the Delaware National Guard and Deployment to the Southern Border

DOVER, Del. – Governor John Carney on Tuesday issued the following statement on the Delaware National Guard and deployment to the southern border:

"I take my job as Commander-in-Chief of the Delaware National Guard extremely seriously. In the last year, we've sent Guardsmen and women to Texas, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico to help our fellow citizens cope with natural disasters. We've sent Delaware Guardsmen and women overseas to keep us safe. I'm extremely proud of Delaware's soldiers and airmen and women. Today, we received a request to send Delaware National Guard troops to the southwest border. Under normal circumstances, we wouldn't hesitate to answer the call. But given what we know about the policies currently in effect at the border, I can't in good conscience send Delawareans to help with that mission.

If President Trump revokes the current inhumane policy of separating children from their parents, Delaware will be first in line to assist our sister states in securing the border. I served in Congress, and I watched for six years as that body failed to pass a comprehensive immigration policy that would secure our borders in a way that upholds the values of this great country. Congress and the President need to step up and fix the mess that our immigration system has become."

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